

Committee Meetings

EPA REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011; AND CEMENT SECTOR REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2250, the “EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2681, the “Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 2, a modified open rule for H.R. 2681. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2681 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2681. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2681 recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill as original text for purpose of amendment, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2681. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 2681 that are submitted for printing in the Congressional Record not later than the legislative day of Tuesday, October 4, 2011, or pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and each amendment shall be considered as read if printed. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2681 with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for a modified open rule for H.R. 2250. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2250 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2250. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2250 recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill as original text for purpose of amendment, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2250. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 2250 that are submitted for printing in the Congressional Record not later than the legislative day of Tuesday, October 4, 2011, or pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and each amendment shall be considered as read if printed. Finally the

rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2250 with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from the following on H.R. 2250: Rep. Whitfield; Rep. Waxman; and Rep. Griffith of Virginia. Testimony was heard from the following on H.R. 2681: Rep. Whitfield; and Rep. Waxman.

TO EXTEND THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2832, to Extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair on the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. Testimony was heard from Chairman Brady of Texas; and Rep. McDermott.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1025)

H.R. 2005, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–32)

H.R. 2017, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–33)

H.R. 2883, to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–34)

H.R. 2943, to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–35)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine consumer protection and middle class wealth building in an age of growing household debt, 3 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine improving the budget process, focusing on strategies for more effective congressional budgeting, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Shale Gas Production Subcommittee's 90-day report, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine nutrient pollution, focusing on an overview of nutrient reduction approaches, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine costs of prescription drug abuse in the Medicare Part D program, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine America's agricultural labor crisis, focusing on enacting a practical solution, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Michael Walter Fitzgerald, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Ronnie Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Miranda Du, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**Week of October 4 through October 8, 2011****Senate Chamber**

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1619, Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act. At 2:30 p.m., all post-cloture

time on the motion to proceed will be yielded back, and following the reporting of the bill, the Majority Leader will be recognized.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 4, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine consumer protection and middle class wealth building in an age of growing household debt, 3 p.m., SD-538.

October 5, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the economic implications of the Federal budget deficit, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 6, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, David A. Montoya, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Cyrus Amir-Mokri, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Patricia M. Loui, of Hawaii, and Larry W. Walther, of Arkansas, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: October 4, to hold hearings to examine improving the budget process, focusing on strategies for more effective congressional budgeting, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 4, to hold hearings to examine the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Shale Gas Production Subcommittee's 90-day report, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 4, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine nutrient pollution, focusing on an overview of nutrient reduction approaches, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

October 6, Subcommittee on Children's Health and Environmental Responsibility, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal actions to clean up contamination from legacy uranium mining and milling operations, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 6, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for homeownership, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 5, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Denise Page, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Adrienne S. O'Neal, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, and Mark Francis Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Sweden, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.